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April 6, 1999

Bill Borrer  
Tehama County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Supervisor Borrer,

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today regarding the 1999 CALFED Restoration Program Solicitation Package and county notification process. As I relayed, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) will submit a proposal in response to CALFED's solicitation, but rather than simply sending a notification letter, we would like to discuss our plans in person with county staff. I look forward to setting up a meeting to initiate that process with yourself and others you think appropriate.

As background, TNC has been active in land acquisition and riparian restoration along the Sacramento River since 1989. We share the SB1086 Conservation Area goals of re-establishing a continuous riparian corridor and allowing limited river meander. We work only with willing sellers, and we work cooperatively with landowners, stake-holder organizations, local government, and public agencies.

In talking with other counties we have learned that TNC's acquisition and restoration plans often impact county planning for roads, flood control, open space, etc., and that cooperatively planning for TNC's acquisition and restoration helps both TNC's and the counties' planning processes.

Our CALFED proposal requests funding for management planning and acquisition of key properties, including three parcels in Tehama County. We would like to sit down and share these plans with you and discuss other ongoing activities.

Please let me know how to initiate this process so that it works best to meet Tehama County's current and future needs and expectations. I look forward to seeing you at the SB1086 Advisory Council Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>. I will bring a map showing the property locations and hopefully we can further discuss the proposal at that time. You can also reach me at 916/449-2851. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marlyce Myers  
Agency and Community Relations  
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April 9, 1999

Bill Borrer  
Tehama County Board of Supervisors  
P. O. Box 250  
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Dear Supervisor Borrer,

As a follow-up to the letter I sent April 6<sup>th</sup>, I want to provide you with some additional information regarding The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) 1999 CALFED proposal "Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management (Sacramento River - Red Bluff to Colusa)". The summary and maps included provide a description and locations for project activities.

The Executive Summary is a two-page overview of the project that is a component of the CALFED proposal TNC will submit next week. As you will note, we are still refining some of our budget numbers. The maps show individual parcel locations in Tehama County (Figure 5) and the sub-reach of the river where we propose site-specific management (Figure 3 - Beehive Bend Sub-Reach, Glenn County, RM 165- 178).

I hope this information provides background about The Nature Conservancy's CALFED proposal and that we have a chance to meet soon and discuss TNC's Sacramento River Project. We recognize that TNC's acquisition and restoration plans often impact county planning for roads, flood control, open space, etc., and that cooperative planning helps both TNC and the county.

Please feel free to contact me or Sam Lawson, TNC's Sacramento River Project Director, if you have questions, comments or suggestion regarding TNC's CALFED proposal or our ongoing activities. I look forward to meeting with you, and hopefully taking you out to see the results of our work in Tehama County.

Sincerely,

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April 2, 1999

Jane Dolan, Chair  
Butte County Board of Supervisors  
P. O. Box 3700  
Chico, CA 95927

Dear Supervisor Dolan,

I spoke with John Blacklock today regarding the 1999 CALFED Restoration Program Solicitation Package and county notification process. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) will submit a proposal in response to CALFED's solicitation, but rather than simply sending a notification letter, we would like to discuss our plans in person with county staff. I called John to ask who would be appropriate at the county, and he suggested I contact you.

As background, TNC has been active in land acquisition and riparian restoration along the Sacramento River since 1989. We share the SB1086 Conservation Area goals of re-establishing a continuous riparian corridor and allowing limited river meander. We work only with willing sellers, and we work cooperatively with landowners, stake-holder organizations, local government, and public agencies.

In talking with other counties we have learned that TNC's acquisition and restoration plans often impacts county planning for roads, flood control, open space, etc., and that cooperatively planning for TNC's acquisition and restoration helps both TNC's and the counties' planning processes.

Our CALFED proposal requests funding for sub-reach scale management planning and acquisition of key properties, including two parcels in Butte County. We would like to sit down and share these plans with you and discuss other ongoing activities.

Please let me know how to initiate this process so that it works best to meet Butte County's current and future needs and expectations. I will call your office during the week of April 5-9 to schedule an appointment, or I can be contacted at 916/449-2851. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marlyce Myers".

Marlyce Myers  
Agency and Community Relations, Sacramento River Project

CC: John Blacklock, Chief Administration Officer



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April 9, 1999

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Dear Supervisor Dolan,

As a follow-up to the letter I sent April 2<sup>nd</sup>, I wanted to provide you with some additional information regarding The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) 1999 CALFED proposal "Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management (Sacramento River - Red Bluff to Colusa)". The summary and maps included will provide a description and locations for project activities.

The Executive Summary is a two-page overview of the project and is included as a component of the CALFED proposal TNC will submit next week. As you will note in reading it, we are still refining some of our budget numbers. The maps show individual parcel locations in Butte County (Figure 4) and the sub-reach of the river where we propose a site-specific management plan (Figure 3 - Beehive Bend Sub-Reach, Glenn County, RM 165- 176). Please note in particular that there are four parcels identified for acquisition in Butte County. My April 2<sup>nd</sup> letter indicated two properties, but since that time we have identified two additional willing sellers in Butte County.

I hope this information will help provide background about The Nature Conservancy's proposed project and that we have a chance to meet soon and discuss TNC's Sacramento River Project. If you have questions, comments or suggestions regarding the proposal or TNC's ongoing activities please contact me or Sam Lawson, Sacramento River Project Director. I look forward to meeting with you, and hopefully taking you out to see the results of our work in Butte County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marlyce Myers".

Marlyce Myers  
Agency and Community Relations, Sacramento River Project

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April 12, 1999

Denny Bungarz, Chair  
Glenn County Board of Supervisors  
P. O. Box 391  
Willows, CA 95988

Dear Supervisor Bungarz,

Thank you for agreeing to meet with me today regarding The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) 1999 CALFED proposal "Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management (Sacramento River – Red Bluff to Colusa)".

TNC has been active in land acquisition and riparian restoration along the Sacramento River since 1989. We share the SB 1086 Conservation Area goals of re-establishing a continuous riparian corridor and limited river meander. We work only with willing sellers, and we work cooperatively with landowners, stake-holder organizations, local government, and public agencies.

I wanted to provide you with some additional information regarding our 1999 proposal, including a summary and maps to provide a description and locations for project activities. We recognize that TNC's acquisition and restoration plans often impact county planning for roads, flood control, open space, etc., and that cooperative planning helps both TNC and the county.

The enclosed Executive Summary is a two-page overview of the project and is a component of the CALFED proposal TNC will submit next week. As you will note, we are still refining some of our budget numbers. The maps show individual parcel locations in Glenn County (Figures 3 & 4) and the sub-reach of the river where we propose site-specific management (Figure 3 - Beehive Bend Sub-Reach, Glenn County, RM 165- 176).

I have also met with Glen County's Public Works Director Tom Tinsley to discuss site-specific management proposal for Beehive Bend, and to coordinate the site specific management planning we are initiating on the Chico Landing Sub-Reach (Figure 4) as a part of our current contract with CALFED (97-N02). Tom and I agreed TNC's work on the Chico Landing sub-reach compliments the 1999 Glenn County CALFED proposal "Habitat Restoration/Floodway Enhancement: Wilson Landing to Big Chico Creek on the Sacramento River," and that Glenn County and TNC's efforts will benefit from close cooperation and coordination.

I look forward to our collaboration on site-specific planning and management. Please feel free to contact Sam Lawson or me, if you have questions, comments or suggestion regarding the proposal or our ongoing activities. I look forward to meeting with you, and hopefully taking you out to see the results of our work in Glenn County.

Sincerely,

  
Marlyce Myers

Agency and Community Relations, Sacramento River Project

CC: Tom Tinsley , Glenn County Public Works Director



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Keith Hansen  
Glenn County Board of Supervisors  
P. O. Box 391  
Willows, CA 95988

Dear Supervisor Hansen,

Thank you for agreeing to meet with me today regarding The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) 1999 CALFED proposal "Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management (Sacramento River - Red Bluff to Colusa)".

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The enclosed Executive Summary is a two-page overview of the project and is a component of the CALFED proposal TNC will submit next week. As you will note, we are still refining some of our budget numbers. The maps show individual parcel locations in Glenn County (Figures 3 & 4) and the sub-reach of the river where we propose site-specific management (Figure 3 - Beehive Bend Sub-Reach, Glenn County, RM 165- 176).

I have also met with Glen County's Public Works Director Tom Tinsley to discuss site-specific management proposal for Beehive Bend, and to coordinate the site specific management planning we are initiating on the Chico Landing Sub-Reach (Figure 4) as a part of our current contract with CALFED (97-N02). Tom and I agreed TNC's work on the Chico Landing sub-reach compliments the 1999 Glenn County CALFED proposal "Habitat Restoration/Floodway Enhancement: Wilson Landing to Big Chico Creek on the Sacramento River," and that Glenn County and TNC's efforts will benefit from close cooperation and coordination.

I look forward to our collaboration on site-specific planning and management. Please feel free to contact Sam Lawson or me, if you have questions, comments or suggestion regarding the proposal or our ongoing activities. I look forward to meeting with you, and hopefully taking you out to see the results of our work in Glenn County.

Sincerely,

Marlyce Myers

Agency and Community Relations, Sacramento River Project

CC: Tom Tinsley , Glenn County Public Works Director

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April 13, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
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SUBJECT: Proposal for Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site Specific  
Management  
The Nature Conservancy, Applicant

Please accept this letter in support of the application of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site Specific Management.

This project complements the efforts of Glenn County to explore non-structural flood management alternatives in the 40 river miles within our jurisdiction.

The Glenn County Public Works and Development Services Agency is an applicant for site specific planning funds in the Wilson Landing to Chico Creek (Hamilton City) sub-reach (RM 193-206), which is designated on TNC's figure 1, accompanying their application. Their efforts described in the "Monitoring" component of their application within this sub-reach will complement our work in identifying site-specific opportunities for providing expanded riparian restoration together with enhanced floodway capacities.

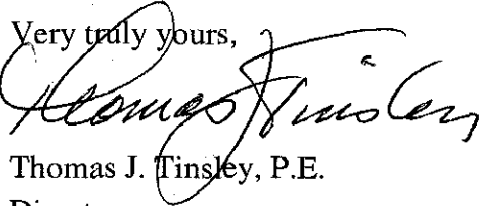
In addition, we support the site specific management planning proposed for the Beehive Bend sub-reach (RM 165-176), as an example of what can be achieved by collaborative effort between agencies and others, as well as a process that will hopefully yield non-structural solutions to flood plain management within this area of the County.

Mr. Lester Snow

April 13, 1999

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We are pleased to be able to participate in this effort and are confident that it will lead to some projects that will address the joint goals of habitat restoration and flood management within the Glenn County area. Please feel free to contact this office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,  


Thomas J. Tinsley, P.E.

Director

Glenn County Public Works and Development Services Agency



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April 15, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director  
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1416 Ninth Street  
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**Ref: Flood Plain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site Specific Management  
(Sacramento River - Red Bluff to Colusa)**

**Proponent: The Nature Conservancy**


Dear Mr. Snow:

Based on the information provided by the project proponent of this project and with the understanding of continued studies and hydrologic and hydraulic review we find that this project is consistent with and furthers the objectives of the Sacramento River Conservation Area (SB1086) as outlined in the SRCA Handbook. An essential part of this effort continues to be close coordination with affected public and private landowners, government agencies, and other groups and individuals. The essence of the Sacramento River Conservation Area (SB1086) process is communication and coordination from a wide variety of interests along the river.

This proposal has been presented to both the Advisory Council and the Riparian Habitat Committee, and the Council has authorized me to forward this action on this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
Denny Bungarz, Chair  
Sacramento River Advisory Council

cc: The Nature Conservancy

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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April 13, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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Dear Mr. Snow:

**"Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management"**

This letter is to inform you of the Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) support, cooperation and participation in The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) 1999 CALFED proposal **"Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site Specific Management."** This proposal implements CALFED's Sacramento River Stage I Action, and complements the goals of the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) and Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Habitat Acquisition and Management Program.

The current 1999 proposal builds on the partnership and efforts initiated through the 1997 CALFED grant (97- NO2) for the Sacramento River proposal "Floodplain Acquisition and Management Project". That project established a partnership between the TNC, WCB, DFG and US Fish and Wildlife Service under a Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate acquisition and planning within The Sacramento River Conservation Area. Over the past decade, these four organizations have worked to acquire approximately 15,000 acres of flood prone land and restore 2,640 acres of riparian habitat along the Sacramento River.

The WCB would be pleased to continue participating in the CALFED 97-N02 steering committee as a process for determining acquisition and management priorities for CALFED grants awarded to TNC based on the **Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site Specific Management** proposal. WCB will continue to coordinate planning efforts with its 97-NO2 partners, and would be pleased to consider taking title to additional lands that fit within the goals and management objectives of WCB/DFG, either upon close of escrow, if appropriate, or following interim TNC management and restoration.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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W. JOHN SCHMIDT

W. John Schmidt  
Executive Director

cc: Randy Benthin, DFG Northern California and North Coast Region, Redding, CA  
Patricia Perkins, DFG Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra Region, Rancho Cordova, CA  
✓ Marlyce Meyers, The Nature Conservancy, 1330 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 103, Sacramento, CA 95814



IN REPLY REFER TO:

# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex  
752 County Road 99W, Willows, California 95988

April 13, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

This letter is to inform you of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) support, cooperation and participation in The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) 1999 CALFED proposal "**Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site Specific Management**". This proposal implements CALFED's Sacramento River Stage I Action, and complements the goals of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Refuge).

The current 1999 proposal builds on the partnership and efforts initiated through the 1997 CALFED grant (97-NO2) for the Sacramento River proposal "Floodplain Acquisition and Management Project". That joint project established a partnership (Refuge, TNC, and the Wildlife Conservation Board) and Steering Committee under a Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate acquisition and planning within the SB1086 Sacramento River Conservation Area. Over the past decade, these three organizations have worked to acquire approximately 15,000 acres of flood prone land and restore 2,640 acres of riparian habitat along the Sacramento River.

The Service will continue to participate in the CALFED 97-NO2 Steering Committee as a process for determining acquisition and management priorities for CALFED grants. The Refuge will continue to coordinate planning efforts with its 97-NO2 partners, and would be willing to take title to additional lands that fit within the goals and management plans of the Refuge.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Kramer  
Refuge Manager



March 31, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director  
CALFED Bay Delta program  
1416 Ninth Street  
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

It has come to my attention that The Nature Conservancy is requesting funds for purchase of a walnut orchard within the Sacramento River Floodplain at the confluence of Big Chico and Mud Creeks. I would like to enthusiastically support acquisition, protection and restoration of this site.



I am very familiar with the area, having sampled in both creeks casually over the last 30 years and extensively since 1994 in my research on juvenile salmon rearing habitat. Last time we sampled there (March 21, 1999), we captured 618 juvenile chinook salmon, about one per every 2 square meters seined, including all races but late fall. At other times of the year we would get late fall juveniles also. I would estimate that in excess of 50,000 juveniles rear in the lower part of these creeks. Mud Creek, especially, seems to be important for rearing by winter chinook. We have documented their presence by both size analysis and DNA testing (Maslin, et al. 1998. Intermittent Streams as Rearing Habitat for Sacramento River Chinook Salmon).

This part of Big Chico Creek also serves as migratory corridor for spring and fall chinook and steelhead rainbow trout that spawn in Big Chico Creek. Last year's count of Big Chico Creek spring-run spawners was 469. It is important habitat for migration, spawning, and rearing of several native, non-game fish: Sacramento sucker, Sacramento pike-minnow, hardhead, hitch, and tule perch. We have even observed mature Sacramento splittail in Mud Creek on three occasions. Being contiguous with Bidwell River State Park, the proposed site is superb habitat for many amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and birds. Being only a few minutes away from California State University at Chico, it has exceptional potential for research and teaching.

In summary, I think the walnut orchard at the confluence of Mud and Big Chico Creeks is a key piece to be acquired in the effort to restore functionality to the Sacramento River ecosystem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul E. Maslin".

Paul E. Maslin  
Department of Biological Science  
CSU, Chico  
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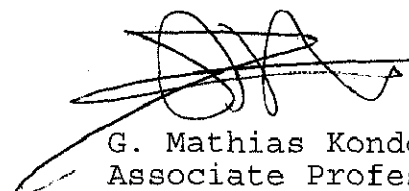
Lester Snow, Executive Director  
CalFed Bay-Delta Program  
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Dear Lester,

I am writing to endorse a proposal by the Nature Conservancy to purchase nine environmentally sensitive properties, along with a management and monitoring program. I am particularly familiar with the 'Martin' property along Stony Creek, which now supports an in-channel gravel mining operation. I have been following gravel mining on Stony Creek since 1990, when I was part of a team that surveyed the creek. Results of our geomorphic study showed that gravel mining had major negative effects on the channel (Kondolf and Swanson 1993). I have walked the creek several times since, the last time I was on the Martin reach (from Hwy 45 downstream) being 1997, when the effects of gravel mining in disrupting channel form were quite obvious.

While acquisition of this parcel alone will not 'fix' Stony Creek (in large part because even larger gravel mines continue to operate upstream), it would be very beneficial for the channel processes and salmon habitat. Effects of in-channel gravel mining were identified in the ERP as a major stressor to salmon, and the Strategic Plan called for actions to correct imbalances in the sediment budget, such as are clearly evident along Stony Creek. In addition to benefits for Stony Creek itself, Stony Creek has also been an important contributor of gravel to the Sacramento River. I strongly endorse the proposal to acquire this and the other listed parcels.

Sincerely yours,



G. Mathias Kondolf  
Associate Professor of  
Environmental Planning and Geography  
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#### Reference Cited

Kondolf, G.M., and Swanson, M.L. 1993. Channel adjustments to reservoir construction and instream gravel mining, Stony Creek, California. *Environmental Geology and Water Science*, 21:256-269.

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Mr. Lester Snow  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Snow:

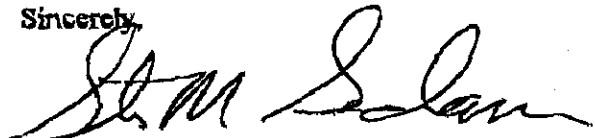
This is a letter of support for a proposal being submitted to your organization by The Nature Conservancy - Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management.

I am a farmer in the Sacramento Valley and I have experience working with The Nature Conservancy. I sold a portion of Hartley Island Ranch to TNC in 1997 (TNC used CVPIA funds to buy this property). This land, located inside the levee banks adjacent to the Sacramento River, runs the risk and associated costs of flooding each year due to its location along the river. I now lease the 249-acre walnut orchard that I sold to TNC.

This land and the Hartley Island Ranch property lie within the Beehive Bend Sub-Reach that TNC proposes to you for Site-Specific Management Planning. As a landowner in this area, I have an interest in the management and future of the restoration and flood control system in this area. I plan on being involved with the Beehive Bend Site-Specific Management Plan, should you fund this endeavor. I am encouraged that TNC is including landowners in this process.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Sandgren  
Hartley Island Ranch



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April 15, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow  
Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
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Dear Mr. Snow,

I am writing to support the Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management proposal being submitted by The Nature Conservancy. As a farmer I have first hand experience with flood-prone lands along the Sacramento River and I support The Nature Conservancy's efforts to protect these lands and plan the restoration of natural processes and riparian habitats.

My family has farmed in Butte and Glenn Counties along the Sacramento River since the early part of this century. We are currently in escrow with The Nature Conservancy on a 600-acre flood-prone parcel in Butte County (to be purchased with CALFED 97-NO2 funds). This is the first agricultural property my family has sold in the Sacramento Valley. We have spent a lot of energy and money protecting this land from the river in order to farm there and have decided that it is time to give this piece of land back to the river. We are committed farmers in the Valley and we look forward for the opportunity to reinvest the proceeds from this sale to purchase additional farmland outside the floodplain in the Valley.

We would like you to strongly consider this proposal for acquisition and proper restoration planning of specific flood-prone properties for riparian habitat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



April 15, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow  
Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow,

This is a letter of support for CALFED funding for the acquisition of riparian habitat in the Sacramento River Floodway. As a farmer in Glenn, Butte and Tehama counties, I have first hand experience with the farming of flood-prone lands along the Sacramento River and the negative economic impact of the river on some adjacent, low-lying property. I support the Nature Conservancy's efforts to acquire existing riparian habitat, as well as agricultural properties adjacent to the Sacramento River which are not economic to farm. In certain cases where properties cannot be split, it is sometimes necessary to purchase limited viable agricultural property to complete the purchase. As long as all reasonable alternatives are exhausted in the divestiture of the viable agricultural land, and the TNC is willing to continue leasing the moderately productive agricultural land until it becomes not economically viable, then I believe any negative impacts have been adequately mitigated.

I would also like to express my support for the "Agricultural Leasing Program" on the lands acquired by the Nature Conservancy. I lease approximately 900 acres of walnuts owned by the TNC. While a portion of the revenue from the agricultural contracts provide The Nature Conservancy with funds to operate their restoration program, a portion is paid to the farmer. There is no doubt that these local leases retain agricultural income within the local economy.

Being one the area's largest farmers, my wife and I own properties that border the TNC in ten different locations. To date, the TNC has been a good neighbor, and has limited our exposure to conflict with the neighboring habitat development on adjoining properties. TNC managers have been courteous and professional in dealing with any neighborly issues. One of the sites where we border the TNC, is Beehive Bend. I am looking forward to working with the TNC on the future management of the flood control systems and the Beehive Bend Site-Specific Management Plan. I am encouraged that TNC is including landowners in this process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Charles R. Crain, Jr.

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Re: Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management

Dear Mr. Snow:

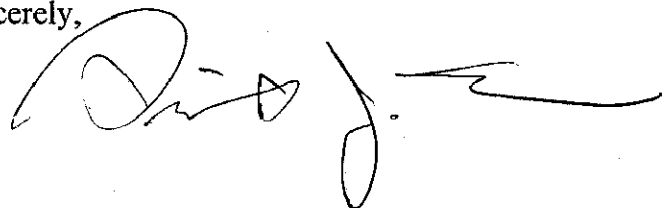
I am writing in support of The Nature Conservancy's proposal for *Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management* along the Sacramento River. As a farmer and local landowner I believe The Nature Conservancy's efforts to acquire and properly plan for the long-term management of nine parcels within the floodplain of the Sacramento River is the most responsible course of action to achieving the goals of CALFED.

I have been directly involved with TNC restoring and managing floodplain properties for the past 5 years. I have sub-contracted to plant 195 acres of riparian trees, and this spring I will plant another 200 acres at River Vista funded by a CALFED 97 N03 grant. I currently lease 188 acres of walnuts from The Nature Conservancy.

From personal experience I can speak to the beneficial effects of transitioning flood prone farm lands to conservation lands. Acquiring flood prone farm lands establishes a buffer between remaining farm lands and the direct effects of river flooding and meandering (i.e. bank erosion, debris deposition). The acquisition program also allows farmers to put their energy and resources into farming and not expensive confrontations with the river.

I own and farm land within the Chico Landing sub-reach and look forward to working with TNC to develop a comprehensive management strategy for this stretch of the river. I strongly support this proposal and ask that you do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilbert Moss", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

April 13, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow  
Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

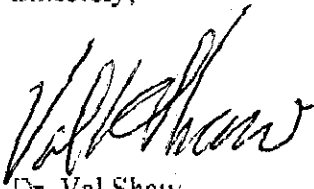
Dear Mr. Snow,

This is a letter in support of a proposal submitted by The Nature Conservancy—Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management. The proposed program will provide funding to protect and plan the restoration of natural processes and riparian habitats on flood-prone land along the Sacramento River. The Nature Conservancy has a conservation easement on my property and I have enjoyed working with them on the protection of riparian habitat along the Sacramento River.

I also support acquisition as a tool for the protection of riparian habitat. I am particularly interested in the proposed acquisition of the 63-acre Martin property located on Stony Creek between Highway 45 and the Sacramento River. I own and farm property along Stony Creek and have been involved in the Bureau of Reclamation's Stony Creek Management Plan that attempts to improve conditions on lower Stony Creek for fish and wildlife habitat. The acquisition and conservation of the Martin property would halt the 50,000-ton/year gravel mining operation and help address two of the three main issues in the Bureau's management plan: 1) restoring, protecting, and enhancing riparian habitat, and 2) improving substrate conditions for anadromous fish.

I urge you to support this proposal. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Dr. Val Shaw



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April 15, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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Dear Mr. Snow:

This letter is to convey the strong support The Trust for Public Land (TPL) gives The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in its funding request to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program for floodplain acquisition and management within the Red Bluff to Colusa reach of the Sacramento River Conservation Area.

This restoration project, including 1,550+ acres of critical habitat acquisition, marks the next in a succession of ecologically important endeavors that TNC has conducted on the Sacramento River, dating back more than a decade, and builds on funding previously awarded to TNC by CALFED and others. By making it possible for stretches of the river to experience natural restorative processes, such as erosion, sedimentation, flooding, and succession, the proposed project is worthy investment toward fulfilling CALFED objectives, as well as the Sacramento River Conservation Area Advisory Council's vision of an inner river zone defined by limited meander and a continuous riparian corridor.

We hope that you join us in supporting this important conservation project. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson Mathews  
Western Rivers Program Director

cc: Sam Lawson, Sacramento River Project Director, TNC

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## **Compliance with Standard Terms and Conditions**

The Nondiscriminatory Compliance Statement and Small Business Preference forms are attached, as required under the Terms and Conditions of the 1999 CALFED Proposal Solicitation Package.

If state funds are used for this project, the following applies: The applicants acknowledge the requirement of the Standard Clauses for service and consultant service contracts for \$5,000 and over with non-public entities, as described in the terms and conditions of the 1999 CALFED Proposal Solicitation Package.

If federal funds are used for this project, the following applies: While The Nature Conservancy's systems comply with OMB Circulars A-110, A-122 and A-133, our accounting systems do not currently comply with all provisions of the cost accounting standards (which are applicable to federal procurement contracts). Therefore, the Conservancy would strongly prefer a grant or cooperative agreement. In addition, given the definitions in federal law, it would appear that this type of project would most reasonably fall under a grant or cooperative agreement.

**NONDISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

STD. 19 (REV. 3-95) FMC

COMPANY NAME

The Nature Conservancy

The company named above (hereinafter referred to as "prospective contractor") hereby certifies, unless specifically exempted, compliance with Government Code Section 12990 (a-f) and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 5 in matters relating to reporting requirements and the development, implementation and maintenance of a Nondiscrimination Program. Prospective contractor agrees not to unlawfully discriminate, harass or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, disability (including HIV and AIDS), medical condition (cancer), age, marital status, denial of family and medical care leave and denial of pregnancy disability leave.

**CERTIFICATION**

*I, the official named below, hereby swear that I am duly authorized to legally bind the prospective contractor to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.*

Patti Brady

OFFICIAL'S NAME

DATE EXECUTED

April 13, 1999

EXECUTED IN THE COUNTY OF

San Francisco

PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR'S SIGNATURE

PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR'S TITLE

Director of Human Resources

PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR'S LEGAL BUSINESS NAME

The Nature Conservancy

**STANDARD CLAUSES --  
SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE AND CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

**NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS:**

Section 14835, et. seq. of the California Government Code requires that a five percent preference be given to bidders who qualify as a small business. The rules and regulations of this law, including the definition of a small business for the delivery of service, are contained in Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 1896, et. seq. A copy of the regulations is available upon request. Questions regarding the preference approval process should be directed to the Office of Small and Minority Business at (916) 322-5060. To claim the small business preference, you must submit a copy of your certification approval letter with your bid.

Are you claiming preference as a small business?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes\*                        X   No

\*Attach a copy of your certification approval letter.